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WPAT (eural, nerve+, auditory, cochlear+, stimu+, excit+, electrode+, arra+, set?, group?, period?, time?, mask+, interfer+, echo+, reverb+, noise+)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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